# **Appendix F**

**MINING TECHNICAL NOTE** 



Our Ref: 19-0698.07\_LET\_Leyland Green, Masterplan 210506

06 May 2021

Jonathan Hollingshead Development Manager J. Murphy & Sons Limited Hiview House, Highgate Road, London NW5 1TN

Dear Jonathan

#### Re. Leyland Green Masterplan

Further to our recent discussion, and the Concept Master Plan provided by yourselves, we have provided below a short overview of the scheme with respect to the historical coal mining legacy on Site.

Delta-Simons have previously provided a graphical summary of the coal mining constraints present across the Leyland Green Road Site (ref: Legacy Coal Mining Constraints Plan, Leyland Farm, Ashton-in-Makerfield, 19-0698.05, 13 Nov 2019). In summary; the Site is known to have the following constraints with respect to the coal mining legacy;

- Numerous (18 on or close to Site) former mine shafts and adits with only partial records relating to treatment of some of the shafts / adits.
- Several areas of known shallow mine workings. These areas are where the Coal Authority (CA) are aware of mine workings less than 30m below surface either as a result of abandonment plans in their archives or records from third party investigations.
- ▲ Several areas of probable / suspected shallow mine workings. These areas are inferred based on the CA's understanding of the geology, workability of seams, and notes on abandonment plans.
- Areas of known or probable shallow mine workings cover the majority of the Site.
- Several areas of open cast workings where coal was extracted from a surface pit and subsequently backfilled (likely with colliery overburden but potential for unknown fill materials to be incorporated).

Whilst the above represent potential development constraints, there are well-established and proven methodologies accepted by regulators and warranty providers which can be implemented to successfully facilitate developments. For example;

- Mine shafts/adits: Development can adopt a standoff appropriate to the local geology around the shaft and the shaft diameter. Locations and conditions of shafts/adits would be assessed as part of future site investigation works and appropriate mitigation implemented including grouting and/or capping if considered necessary with Coal Authority agreement. We note the current concept masterplan avoids development within close proximity to the shafts/adits.
- ▲ Known shallow workings would be assessed as part of intrusive investigations. If insufficient competent overburden was identified, remedial works including treatment via grout injection could be implemented to mitigate future potential ground instability issues.
- Areas of probable workings would be similarly assessed with similar remediation techniques adopted if required.

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Areas of open cast would require delineation to assess the location of the high wall and nature of the fill. The opencasts themselves do not preclude safe development but may require deepened foundations (e.g. piles) and/or incorporation of ground improvement/reengineering earthworks to mitigate future settlement issues. Foundations should be designed as to not span the high walls or potentially transfer loads to the face of the high wall. As such, exact layout of development within these areas will be subject to the findings of future investigation. We note the location of public open space in the northern most open cast and thus risks to future development from settlement in this open cast is minimal. At a more detailed design stage, layout alterations are likely to be refined around the southern three open cast areas to ensure compatibility with the site investigation findings.

In summary, whilst the Site presents a number of coal mining related constraints, none of these preclude safe and technically achievable development which would be acceptable to regulators, the Coal Authority and warranty providers.

We trust the above meets with your requirements.

Yours sincerely,

For Delta-Simons



Mike O'Halloran

**Associate** 

Attached; Murphy, Leyland Green Road, Concept Master Plan 06.05.21

Delta Simons, Legacy Coal Mining Constraints Plan, Leyland Farm, Ashton-in-Makerfield, 19-0698.05, 13 Nov 2019



## **Leyland Green Road**

Concept Masterplan



#### Mine Entry Data Grid Reference Reference No. Entry Type Treatment Description (m bgl) Eastings ameter (m 354400-001 Shaft 354940 400390 Filled to unknown specification 2.5 49 354400-002 354963 55 Shaft 400391 Filled to unknown specification. 355400-007 355449 400262 Shaft 33 Untreated Shaft 355400-013 355516 400184 2.5 33 Untreated Shaft 355400-001 355078 400380 N/A Untreated Shaft 355400-002 400381 2.5 10 Shaft fenced off. Fill material sunk Shaft 355400-003 355177 400391 2.4 40 due to dewatering operations. Shaft fenced off. Fill material sunk 355400-004 355232 400394 Shaft due to dewatering operations. Shaft 355400-008 355241 400453 N/A Shaft 355400-016 400662 N/A Untreated Shaft 355400-017 355646 400640 N/A Untreated Shaft 355400-018 355646 400635 N/A Adit 354400-015 354934 400564 Adit fenced, inspected in 2003. N/A Adit sealed over, Collapse reported in 2012. Concrete plug (40 tonnes) installed Adit 355400-009 355230 400651 N/A and adit secured. Adit sealed on behalf of the Adit 355400-012 355209 400621 Coal Authority 355400-023 355434 400662 Adit Untreated N/A Adit 355400-024 400639 N/A 355376 Untreated Adit 355400-005

#### N/A = Data not available.

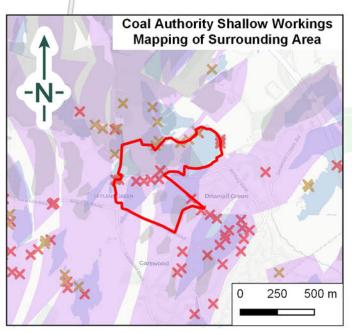
Data obtained from Coal Authority Consultants Coal Mining Report, dated 25th September 2019. Ref: 51002171859001.

#### Shallow Workings Risk - Open Cast

An area of open cast (now infilled) known to work the Wigan 5ft seam. The known base of the Wigan 5ft coal at its deepest extent is approx. 18 m bgl. The nature of fill within the open cast is unknown.

#### Shallow Workings Risk - Open Cast and Old Workings

An area of open cast (now infilled) and old workings known to work the Wigan 4ft seam. The depth to the old workings / open cast exploiting the Wigan 4ft seam is understood to be approx. 10 m bgl. The nature of fill within the open cast is unknown.



#### **Shallow and Deep Workings**

Wigan 5ft seam: base of coal = 18 m bgl.

Wigan 4ft seam: base of coal = 38 m bgl.

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Wigan 6ft seam (due to fault downthrow): base of coal = circa. 50 m bgl.

#### **Shallow and Deep Workings**

Wigan 6ft seam: base of coal = circa. 40 m bgl. Shallow workings exploiting the Wigan 4ft and 2ft area are also expected overlying the Wigan 6ft workings.

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355400-012

Wigan 2ft Seam

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Site Boundary

Areas of Known Open Cast

Old Workings in Base of Open Cast and Potential Shallow Workings Beneath

Mine Shaft

Coal Authority (CA) Mine Entry

Adit

Adit

Untreated

Shaft

Treated

Coal Seam Outcrops

Geological Fault (Tick Indicates Downthrown Geology)

Past Shallow Coal Mine Workings (Indicative CA Data)

Probable Shallow Coal Mine Workings (Indicative CA Data)

Area of open cast licence as shown by the CA plan ref: MR-LARGE-PLOT-51002171859001-1569404383516 The area of open casting appears to be significantly

smaller on the provided CA abandonment plans

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Wigan 6ft seam worked. Potentially shallower than 40 m bal due to no fault downthrow.

Wigan 4ft Seam

Shaft Depth = circa. 33 m bgl Potential base of Wigan 6ft seam.

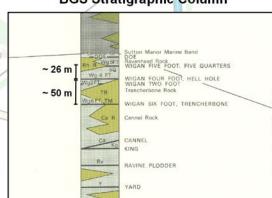
Shallow and Deep Workings Shallow open cast workings relating to Wigan 2ft seam underlain by deeper workings of the Wigan 6ft

at a depth of circa. 30 m bgl.

355400-013

#### **Coal Seam** Rate **Dip Direction** of Dip Wigan 2ft 1:6 East/Southeast Wigan 4ft 1:6 Southeast Northeast Wigan 5ft 1:8.3 Wigan 6ft 1:6 East/Southeast

#### **BGS Stratigraphic Column**



## Potential Area of Reduced Developmental Risk

Wigan 5ft seam

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354400-001

Wigan 2ft seam

Wigan 4ft seam

Wigan 6ft seam

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No shallow workings anticipated to be underlying this area of the site. The King seam is considered to be in excess of circa. 40 m. The Wigan 6ft is outcropping to the east and is not expected to be underlying this area of the site.

#### **Mine Shaft Easement**

The standoff distance from a residential property is approximately 20 m dependent on the thickness of the superficial deposits. Further discussions required with CA to inform master planning.

#### Areas of Infilled Ground

Shallow open cast workings (approx. excavation base circa. 2 m - 11 m bgl).

Open casts likely to have exploited the Wigan 6ft, Wigan 2ft and Wigan 4ft seams close to surface.

The nature of fill is unknown.

100 200 m

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